



HEALTH AND SAFETY AT SCHOOL

Your child's health and safety is of great concern to us. Here are some suggestions and regulations that will ensure your child is able to learn more effectively and settle happily with us.

At Home

Children work very hard at school. They are likely to get quite tired. It is important that they have a good night's sleep and wake up bright and cheerful.



Children settle into school more easily when they are encouraged to be independent. Children are happier if they can dress and undress independently and manage own coats and shoes and going to the toilet.

We find that children have difficulty concentrating on their work if they are hungry. It is important that they have a good breakfast before coming to school. If for some reason your child has missed breakfast, please let us know so that we can offer them some food.



In School

Visitors



Visitors, parents and contractors working on the school site are asked to sign in at the Office during school hours. We are aware of the need to be vigilant when strangers are around. We ask all helpers in school to complete a DBS application, copies of which can be obtained from the school office. Please ensure that your child has been alerted to 'stranger danger'.

Dogs

No dogs are allowed on the school premises. If you do bring a dog with you when you collect your child, please tie it to the railings outside the school premises, but away from the flow of children leaving/arriving.



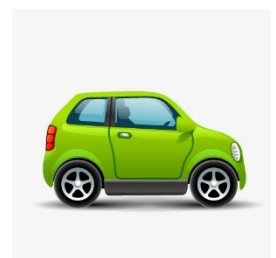
Lunch



All children Yr R to 2 are entitled to a free school lunch. This is served in the hall. Children need to be able to feed themselves and to use a knife and fork.

Cars

Car parking is for school staff and taxis only. Please do not walk under the car park barrier or climb over it.



In School

Jewellery

Children should not wear jewellery in school. Rings, necklaces and earrings are all dangerous at P.E. and playtimes. Children who have pierced ears should wear studs only please. These should be removed or covered during P.E. lessons.



Equipment



We encourage children to use their equipment sensibly. Children need to be taught how to use scissors, paints and tools properly. You can help us by doing the same at home.

Prams and Buggies

The Fire Service has asked us to stress how important it is that buggies and prams are not brought into the building. They cause obstructions in doorways and corridors and would be a serious hazard in the event of a fire. Please leave buggies outside. Thank you.



Gates & Pick-up Time



The school gates at Chester Avenue are locked each morning at 8.55am and re-opened in the afternoons at 2.45pm. There is a member of staff on each gate in the mornings.

If another parent, family member or friend is collecting your child from school, we will not allow your child to go home with them unless you have notified the school beforehand.

Head lice

It is advisable as a matter of general routine to check your child's hair regularly. If you suspect that your child has head lice, please inform the school as soon as possible. Detection and effective treatment is key to reducing the further spread of head lice within the school.



Sickness



If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. We do not have the staff or the facilities to look after sick children. If your child has a sickness bug, we ask that children do not return to school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick. We keep asthma inhalers in school. No other medication should be brought into school. It is vital that school has emergency contact names and numbers, so that we are able to contact you should your child have an accident or be unwell at school. Please ensure you let the school office know of any changes in contact details.

The link below may be helpful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>